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SUBJECT: OPRED-PROPOSED DEA STAFFING IN DENMARK

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- 1. REGARDING YOUR MESSAGE REFTEL, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.
- 2. DEA IS PREPARED TO FUND ALL COSTS OF ITS OFFICE SPACE PREPARATION AND RELOCATION OF COSTS OF OTHER AGENCY.
- 3. WE, TOO, REGRET THAT THERE WILL BE NO GARAGE PARKING SPACE AVAILABLE. ASSUME YOU UNDERSTAND THAT DEA SPECIAL AGENTS WILL BE IN AND OUT OF OFFICES ON REGULAR BASIS WITH EXTENSIVE USE OF VEHICLES ON OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS. HOWEVER, IF OTHER OFFICIAL USE OF GARAGE PARKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPACE DOES NOT PERMIT PARKING BY VEHICLES BEING USED ON

OFFICIAL BUSINESS BY DEA AGENTS, DEA WILL ARRANGE FOR PRIVATE PARKING.

- 4. DEA AGREES TO LIMIT MISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT INITIALLY TO SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS, BUT WE ASSUME MISSION WOULD COOPERATE IN OTHER AREAS TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF DEA EFFORTS.
- 5. DEA CANNOT ACCEPT LIMITATION ON RANK OF ITS SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT GS-13. ALL SAIC'S ASSIGNED TO EMBASSIES ARE GS-14 OR ABOVE, AND DEA DOES NOT SEE NECESSITY OF DOWNGRADING DENMARK POST.
- 6. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE MOST QUALIFIED DEA
 PERSONNEL IN LINE FOR THE DENMARK POST ARE NOT FSI
 TESTED 3/3 IN DANISH. DEA DOES ASSURE, HOWEVER, THAT
 SUCH AGENTS AS ARE ASSIGNED WILL BE ENROLLED IN LANGUAGE
 COURSE AT THE POST. MEANWHILE, DEA HAS VERIFIED THAT
 THEIR COUNTERPARTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS WITH WHOM THEY
 WILL BE DEALING ARE SUFFICIENTLY PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH.
- 7. BASED ON EXPERIENCES IN OTHER POSTS, DEA IS STILL ADAMANT AS TO SECRETARIAL INDEPENDENCE.
- 8. WE NOTE THAT IN REF A YOU REFER TO DEA OFFICER SINGULARLY. DEA STILL BELIEVES IT IS NOT EFFICIENT TO HAVE ONE-AGENT OFFICES. AN AGENT WHO IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE U.S. IS REQUIRED TO RETURN TO U.S. TO TESTIFY IN COURT, PERHAPS FOUR OR FIVE TIMES DURING HIS FIRST YEAR AT THE NEW POST; A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF AN AGENT'S TIME IS SPENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS SUCH AS FILE SEARCHING, PREPARING REPORTS, AND GENERAL SUPERVISORY/ MANAGEMENT MATTERS; AND AN AGENT IS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE A COUNTRY TO WORK IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO ASSIGN AN AGENT. BASED ON A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE BY DEA, IT IS OPPOSED TO ONE-AGENT OFFICES BECAUSE THE ACTUAL "STREET TIME" IS TOO LOW. ACCORDING TO DEA OFFICIALS, THIS POINT HAS BEEN EVALUATED SO MANY TIMES AS TO WARRANT A GENERAL POLICY THAT IF OPENING AN OFFICE IS JUSTIFIED AT ALL, IN ORDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A RELATIVELY HIGH DEGREE OF SUCCESS, TWO SPECIAL AGENTS AND A SECRETARY MUST BE ASSIGNED. WE ARE PERSUADED BY DEA'S ADVICE AND URGE THAT MISSION PROCEED ON THE BASIS THAT DEA PLANS TO HAVE THE SAIC AND THE SECRETARY AT POST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1975, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ONE MONTH BY THE SECOND SPECIAL AGENT. INGERSOLL

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